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- (d) From a report received from the Chairman, dated 1st December, it appears that the public of Cowl Bazaar have been prohibited by the District Magistrate from taking water from the Fort ditch. The Government are enquiring into the matter.
- (e) The Government have no definite information; but the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, has reported that there may be great scarcity of water during the next six months.

*Water-supply to Patha Cuddapah tank.*

131 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the water-supply to Patha Cuddapah tank from the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal has considerably diminished owing to the Ukkayapalli project and that this decrease is causing great hardship to the ryots under the said tank;

(b) whether the Government intend to take early steps to ensure a sufficient supply to the tank by widening the water course in the canal or taking such other necessary steps as would give sufficient supply to the tank; and

(c) whether the Government will enquire into the matter?

A.—The answer is in the negative. During the execution of the Ukkayapalli project, the supply channel to the Patha Cuddapah tank was widened to suit the increased ayacut brought in by the project. It is understood that after the execution of the project the supply to the tank has improved and the area irrigated under it has increased appreciably.

*Water convenience in Mulluvadi, Salem district.*

132 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of the depressed classes suffer very much for want of a water tap in their locality alongside the public road in Mulluvadi, Salem, and

(b) why no steps have been taken by the Salem Municipal Council to provide a water tap for the depressed classes in a suitable place in Mulluvadi, Salem?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ Will the Government be pleased to call for the information.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Yes.”

**Weights and Measures.**

*Weights and measures in Coimbatore municipality.*

133 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that defective measures, scales and weights are being allowed in the markets, bazaars and shops in the Coimbatore municipality; and



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(b) whether it is a fact that the by-laws framed by the sub-committee for prescribing and providing standard weights, scales and measures and preventing the use of any others, and recommending at the same time the appointment of a special officer to look after the work are still kept in abeyance for a very long time by the Chairman of the Coimbatore Municipality instead of placing the same before the full council for approval though the members of the sub-committee requested him to place the matter before the full council?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“In this case also, will the Government be pleased to call for the information.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“They have no objection to do so.”

*Local Self-Government.*

133-A Q.—Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether he has since verified the statement made by him on the 28th November during the debate on the “No Confidence” motion that the hon. Member for Chittoor, Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddy, did apply to him for a nomination to a membership of the District Board of Chittoor;

(2) in view of the emphatic repudiation of the hon. Member that he did not seek the intercession of the hon. the Chief Minister to get any appointment of any kind, whether the hon. Member desired his help to get any particular appointments, and, if so, which; and

(3) if the answer to the above two clauses be in the affirmative, whether he will lay on the table of the House any records in his possession substantiating his statements?

A.—(1) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) The hon. Member has written to me asking me to appoint him as a member of the Chittoor District Board. He has also written to me in connexion with two other appointments, namely, the Presidentship of the Legislative Council and the Vice-Chancellorship of the Madras University.

(3) I am averse to laying private letters on the table of the House, but I shall be compelled to do so in this case if the hon. Member does not admit that the statement made by him on the occasion referred to in the question was contrary to the fact.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“May I rise to a point of order, Sir? If you will kindly turn to Standing Order No. 28, you will find that it runs thus:

‘A question may be asked for the purpose of obtaining information on a matter of public concern within the special cognizance of the Member to whom it is addressed.’

“On the same matter there is another Standing Order which runs thus:

‘30 (1). A question addressed to a member of the Government must relate to the public affairs with which he is officially connected or to a matter of administration for which he is responsible.’